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DPR FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has prepared a Detailed Projects Report for rural electrification through biomass gassifier for villages in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the total amount released so far to Karnataka for the said project; and

(d) the details of progress of the project alongwith the amount spent so far on the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): No, Sir. However, a project document entitled ` India -Biomass Energy for Rural India` has been prepared by Government of Karnataka and has been approved by United Nations Development Programme, Department of Economic Affairs and Government of Karnataka for implementation by the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology.

(b): The project envisages demonstration of technical feasibility and financial viability of bioenergy technologies etc in 24 villages in Tumkur district of Karnataka . The project is estimated to cost US$ 8.6 million, with contribution from GlobalEnvironment Facility (GEF), India-Canada Environment Facility (ICEF), Government of India and Government of Karnataka.

(c): An amount of Rs. 25 lakhs has been released to the project so far.

(d): Project preparatory activities have been initiated including identification of villages, short listing of experts, holding of initiation workshops etc.